59. The need for improving the means of communication in the Karunagappalli taluk.

Mr. Kanakku Chempakaraman Padmanabhan (Member, Karunagappalli taluk) said that the taluk was mostly sandy. In the centre were situated all the public offices, but there was no road to connect them with any other cartable road in any of the four directions. The question had been persistently pressed on the attention of the Government, but no good resulted out of it. He therefore prayed that two roads—one from Kamankulangara to Krishnapuram on the north *via* the Taluk Cutcherry, and the other from the Taluk Cutcherry, in an easterly direction, to the Sastamkotta road *via* Thazhava—should be newly constructed. At least *one* road should be taken in hand at once and constructed.

Dewan's reply.— Noted.

60. The need for the immediate gravelling of the public road from Krishnapuram to Kamankulangara.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Pillai (Member, Karunagappalli taluk) said that the Member from Karunagappalli had been asking for the improvement of the road from Krishnapuram to Kamankulangara in all the previous sessions.

Dewan.—Estimates are under preparation.

The Member requested that, instead of putting off the work, it should be immediately started. The portion up to Oachira at least should be improved in the current year. The idea was to commence the work from Neendakara. That should not be.

Dewan's reply.— Noted.

61. The necessity for improving the means of communication in the Karthigappalli taluk.

Mr. Easwaran Narayanan Oonnithan (Member, Karthigappalli taluk) said that he would confine himself to the most important roads which required attention in his taluk. The first was the Krishnapuram-Cullerkode road, 14 miles long. 10 miles of the road was in his taluk. The road was very important, as it formed part of the Quilon–Ambalapuzha road, and was the shortest route between Haripad and Kayenkulam. The whole road was in a bad condition and required to be gravelled. He prayed that the portion from Kayenkulam to Nangiarkulangara at least should be taken up immediately and improved.

The next was the Mavelikara–Thrikunnapuzha road. The portion from Karthigappalli to Thrikunnapuzha, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length, alone remained to be gravelled. That was in an entirely neglected condition and very few inspecting officers had seen it. There were several bridges on the way, mostly in a dilapidated condition. The most dangerous of them was the Pulikeezh bridge. It was impossible to repair it. He therefore requested that it should be pulled down immediately and two ferry boats allowed at the place. As regards the road, he said that not a pie of the allotment of Rs. 175 per mile was used on the road. He requested that the road should be gravelled at an early date, and till that was done, stringent orders should be issued to spend the entire maintenance allotment on the road and keep it in good condition.

Finally, he requested that the encroachments on the village roads might be removed as early as possible. The Tahsildar, who had been invested with the powers of a Division Peishkar for the purpose, had been transferred from the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5-15 P. M.

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